

17. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 9 further containing a mineral mix.

18. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 8 wherein sericin is naturally derived from silkworm cocoons or raw silk.

19. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 10 wherein sericin is naturally derived from silkworm cocoons or raw silk.

20. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 11 wherein sericin is naturally derived from silkworm cocoons or raw silk.

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REMARKS:

The claims in the application are 1-20.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate all multiple dependencies with Claims 8-20 added ( a marked-up copy of the claims is enclosed).

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited

Respectfully submitted,



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4. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 3~~ in the form of a colon cancer preventive.
5. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 3~~ in the form of a mineral absorber.
6. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1, ~~3 or 5~~, further containing a mineral mix.
7. The functional oral preparation as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ 1 ~~to 6~~, wherein sericin is naturally derived from silkworm cocoons or raw silk.